Per Capita consumption of milk

4089. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability and consumption of milk in various states and in the country as a whole at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that operation flood programme is under implementation in various states of the country;

(c) if so, the progress made under the programme state-wise so far; and

(d) how far the implementation of the programme has improved the availability of milk State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A Statement indicating the per capita availability/consumption of milk in various States and in the country as a whole during 1980-81 and 1990-91 is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 83]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement indicating state-wise progress of key components of Operation Flood Programme as on 31st December 1991 is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 84].

(d) No separate data of actual milk production under Operation Flood areas, is available. However, the per capita availability of milk has generally improved as is evident from the statement at Annexure-I.

Gene-sanctuary from orchids in Sikkim

4090. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orchids continue to be endangered species in the country and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to halt this danger; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a gene-sanctuary for Orchids in Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, 50 species of orchids are either extinct or endangered. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already established an orchid sanctuary at Kalimpong (W.B.) under the All-India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project where orchids are conserved under natural conditions.

(b) No.

Paddy Research Centre

4091. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up a Paddy Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Sir, Government of Assam has requested the Government of India to open a branch of the Central Rice Research Institute in Assam. Government of India has not yet taken a final decision on this request.

Veterinary Scientists

4092. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the veterinary scientists who are engaged in teaching and research in Research institutes under the I.C.A.R. were sanctioned Non-Practising Allowance at par with the M.B.B.S. Doctors Vide Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi O.M. No. F-24(1)/86-ODN (A & A) dated the 26th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the following Research Institutes under the